

Among the 12 American players, I proudly welcome home two Kentuckians, Kenny Perry and JB Holmes. I know they, along with their other American teammates, will represent our country well.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Ryder Cup and the people of Louisville who overcome adversity this week to host one of the world's greatest sports traditions.

TRIBUTE TO LONGTIME WIREGRASS BROADCASTER, HOWARD PARRISH, JR.

### HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to longtime Wiregrass broadcaster and servant of his community, Mr. Howard Parrish, Jr., of Ozark, Alabama, who passed away July 28 at the age of 82.

At the same time that local radio established itself as a vital link between rural America and the world, Parrish became a familiar and trusted voice for Ozark, Alabama listeners.

A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, a graduate of Georgia Southern and a native of Atlanta, he moved to southeast Alabama in 1955, leaving the growing Atlanta radio scene and that city's first commercial FM station to help run the relatively new broadcast station in Ozark, WOZK, 900 AM.

To his many Dale County listeners, Howard was the voice of WOZK. But he was much more than a friendly announcer. He was general manager, sales manager and chief engineer for WOZK and its FM counterpart, WOAB, for the better part of 45 years.

Parrish likely delivered over 16,000 newscasts over the Ozark airwaves during his tenure at WOZK and WOAB-FM. Despite his continual Ozark broadcast duties, he also found time to construct radio station WELB in neighboring Elba in 1959 and he served as general manager of WDHN-TV 18 in Dothan, Alabama in the early 1970s, returning the struggling TV station to financial stability. He retired from WOZK/WOAB and all local broadcasting in 2002.

Parrish leaves a long legacy of community service, both on the air and through volunteerism. Parrish was an active member of the Ozark Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and was a charter member of the local Civitan Club.

Parrish was one of the Wiregrass's longest serving broadcasters and he shared a great love for communications. He was also well known in local amateur radio circles for his devotion to the hobby. He was a licensed radio amateur, W4IEO, for over 65 years.

I wish to extend my condolences to his wife, Jane, and his children and grandchildren for their loss. Ozark's long-time "voice" may now be silent, but he will be long remembered.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 598, I was unavoidably delayed.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTS

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that the House of Representatives has voted to hold the District of Columbia accountable for violating the civil rights of D.C. residents for decades. Making the District adhere to the Constitution now is better than waiting 180 days. Once the District comes into compliance with the Supreme Court decision, D.C. residents will finally be able to defend themselves against armed criminals. The District's anti-gun law created a bastion for crime. Our action here today puts D.C. residents first and criminals second.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on September 15, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from the House.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 591, a motion by Mr. SCOTT of Virginia to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6889, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes.

I ask unanimous consent that this statement be inserted in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

### HONORING JESSE ANDERSON

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jesse Anderson of Grain Valley, Missouri. Jesse is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1246, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jesse has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jesse has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jesse Anderson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 598 on September 16, 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

### INTRODUCTION OF MANILAQ ASSOCIATION ACT

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation today which will transfer property from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Maniilaq Association in Kotzebue, Alaska. This transfer would occur through the Indian Health Service, the current owners of the properties.

Since 1995, Maniilaq Association, a Native non-profit entity in Kotzebue, Alaska has carried out a comprehensive health care delivery program to residents in Kotzebue, Alaska and the Northwest Arctic Borough. They have carried out these responsibilities under the Alaska Tribal Health Compact and Funding Agreement negotiated annually with the Indian Health Service. These agreements give Maniilaq Association the right to acquire title to all federal property that they have utilized to provide these health care services.

Currently, the Indian Health Service owns the properties that Maniilaq Association uses to carry out its health care delivery services. While there is an administrative process in place for them to acquire these properties, the process is cumbersome and sometimes may take years to accomplish the goal of acquiring these properties. Thus, Maniilaq Association is asking for legislation to acquire the properties listed in my legislation.

Madam Speaker, we are not setting a precedent with this legislation. Congress, in the past, has enacted legislation which transfers excess government properties to non-profits such as Maniilaq Association.

My legislation would authorize the Secretary of the Health and Human Services, through the Indian Health Service, to transfer to the Maniilaq Association by a warranty deed to a number of parcels of land legally described in my legislation.

I am pleased to introduce this legislation on behalf of Maniilaq Association to allow them to continue with their health care delivery programs and to provide better services to their patients and residents of the Northwest Arctic Borough.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 17, 2008*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, due to official business in New York related to the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, I was unable to travel to Washington,